



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5448

House of Representatives, April 17, 2008

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MINORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of Mental
2 Health and Addiction Services shall administer, within available
3 resources, a grant program to provide grants for tobacco education
4 programs, in different regions of the state, designed to discourage
5 smoking among students in grades one to eight, inclusive. Any entity
6 seeking a grant shall apply at such time and in such manner as the
7 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services prescribes.
8 The department shall establish reporting requirements for grant
9 recipients.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | New section |
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PH *Joint Favorable C/R*

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APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

| Agency Affected | Effect |
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| Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services | See Below |

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS) to administer, within available resources, a grant program for tobacco education to students in grades one to eight. sHB 5021, the budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee does not include funding for this grant program.¹ Until such time that the department receives additional funding or reallocates existing resources, it is anticipated that DMHAS will not be able to issue grants for this program.

The Out Years

The future fiscal impact of the grant program is limited to the amount, if any, that is appropriated or made available through the reallocation of resources.

¹ One-time funding of \$300,000 was included in DMHAS's budget in FY 08 from the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund for grants for tobacco education programs. A Request for Proposal was issued in March and responses are due by May 23, 2008, for the development, implementation and assessment of coordinated educational programs and school policies designed to raise awareness of tobacco risks and prevent use among students in grades 1 through 8 in CT schools.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5448*****AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MINORS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Mental Health and Addiction Services Department to provide grants for tobacco education programs that discourage first to eighth graders, inclusive, from smoking. It must do this within available appropriations. The bill does not specify the kinds of entities eligible for the grants, but the programs must be in different regions of the state. The department must prescribe the grant application process and establish reporting requirements for recipients.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/07/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 52 Nay 0 (03/28/2008)